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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

It Creates an Interesting and Spirited Discussion.

THE POINT OF VIEW OF NEWMAN.

Lawrence Township Experimented with Superintendents and Other Things on a Cheap Scale—The District Inspectorship, the Workhouse and Other Matters.

NEWMAN, Dec. 9.—We read with considerable interest the article from the pen of "J. C. B." on country school improvement. It is an able article from an able writer, showing the contrast between the city and country schools, in which we all agree that the latter is and has been seriously handicapped, and we believe that few persons are in a position to understand the condition of affairs more thoroughly than "J. C. B.," for if we mistake not he has been raised from the cradle to the highest position of teacher in a country school. But it is quite evident that he, with many others, is not aware of the fact that the present condition of our country schools rests directly with the boards of education of the respective townships. The school laws of Ohio are liberal, and place no restrictions on the advancement of country schools. In many instances the law provides a minimum, but except the levying of taxes has no maximum. Thus you will see that the country can have graded schools, township superintendents, school every day in the year, and, in fact, all the paraphernalia the world affords, providing, of course, we are willing to pay for it. The cities pay for all the special privileges they enjoy in this respect.

The trouble is we usually elect members of the board of education who are friendly to the cause, until it comes to paying, then they either plead poverty or economy and will vote accordingly. We do not write this with a view to encourage extravagance, but we do believe in helping to educate the rising generation and pay for it. The recommendation of the school commissioner to pass a law making township superintendency mandatory is all right, so far as it goes it certainly beats nothing, but unless the duties were explicitly defined so that a superintendent could devote his attention to the schools for the entire year, it would not amount to much. Lawrence township experimented a little in this direction a few years ago on a cheap scale and the result was it was dropped entirely, and what little good was accomplished has been forgotten. Now we believe the first step to be taken for the advancement of education is to increase our school year from eight to ten months and this matter remains in the hands of the people themselves. They can elect members of the board who stand favorable to their wishes in this as well as other respects. The redress for all the grievances complained of lies with the board of education of each township.

The workhouse controversy as conducted by THE INDEPENDENT has afforded its readers interesting reading. While we are not in favor of absolutely closing the workhouse, we do favor a thorough reformation there by curtailing all unnecessary expenses. General business principles certainly do not justify a transaction wherein we receive 22 cents for something that is costing us two or three times that amount. A man who would transact or conduct his personal affairs on such a principle would soon find himself at the wrong end of the string. And again we believe that the workhouse has been used and operated to the best possible advantage of the Democratic party, and just how a Republican leader who has fought bled and almost died for the G. O. P., can reimburse his political enemy by his vote to retain the present management goes beyond our humble comprehension and we cannot yet believe that the gentleman referred, too, will cast his vote in any such direction.

The contest for the appointment of district mine inspector to succeed the Hon. John P. Jones, goes merrily on, and the Newman applicant is right in line with both feet. So don't be surprised to see the much coveted plum land on the Hill.

In the death of D. Craig McDowell, as announced in Saturday's INDEPENDENT, our township loses one of our best and most honored citizens, for to know him was to honor and respect him. We believe he died fighting the good fight with more friends and fewer enemies than any other man we have in Lawrence township. Craig McDowell's counsel was frequently sought after by old and young, and was invariably found on the bright side of all questions submitted to him. His funeral was largely attended at his late residence, last Monday, and was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Elliott, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Yoder, of Canal Fulton. The singing, under the direction of Township Clerk Jerry P. Oyler, was excellent. The deceased resided on his farm for the past fifty-four years, and leaves one son and one daughter and a host of friends to mourn his sad taking away.

R. B. Crawford, of Massillon, was the only commissioner of the joint meeting between Stark and Wayne counties who voted against granting the notorious Fox lake ditch which has been recently defeated by the people thus showing that "Dick" votes the right way.

The family of Mrs. Alexander Miller, sr., gave her a birthday surprise one night last week, The presents were numerous . William J. Jones and Miss Bessie Peters were united in marriage last Thursday. The young couple will make their home for the present with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones. The many friends wish them a happy journey together through life.

ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

Chances Favorable for Obtaining a Pickle Factory.

THE AGITATION BRINGS FRUIT.

An Agent of a Pittsburg House Comes to Massillon and is Taken in Charge by the Board of Trade's Officers—The Plan Now Proposed,

The agitation of the subject of cucumber culture by the board of trade has brought about the presence in town of Agent Hahn, of Lutz Brothers, Pittsburg, who is in Massillon for the purpose of ascertaining what can be done to secure the location here of a branch salting house. The firm is a thoroughly reliable one, and establishes branch houses where needed, at which small cucumbers are bought, salted and sent to the main house for pickling. This involves the growth of a large crop of cucumbers, which bring good prices to the growers, and to that extent promotes local prosperity. Messrs. Lutz Brothers desire to establish a salting house in Massillon, and, if the soil seems well adapted to cabbage and tomato growing, will manufacture sauerkraut and catsup here. The start would be made with cucumbers, the product of about 200 acres being desired.

Mr. Hahn said that an investment of about $7,000 would be made here and if the enterprise is desired, a bonus of $5,000 would be required. The bonus would be collected of the farmers. Mr. Hahn's idea is that if 200 farmers will agree to plant 200 acres in cucumbers, they will get on an average of $60 each, for their crop, the first year. He suggests that they subscribe $30 each to the salting house fund, and make it payable in cucumbers. Thus the required bonus can be secured without any hardship. The board of trade thinks very well of the proposition and the matter will come up in definite form a little later on.

Mr. Hahn was shown several sites by Messrs. C. A. Gates, H. C. Brown and W. F. Ricks and is well satisfied with the outlook. Until another announcement appears, it is requested that farmers who read the foregoing and are interested in the subject, advise THE INDEPENDENT to that effect, whether they intend to raise cucumbers or not.

AN IMMENSE BRIDGE.

It has Just Been Completed for the W. & L. E.

The Massillon Bridge Company has just completed a bridge for the W. & L. E. railroad, consisting of two spans of plate girders, each 102 feet in length. These plate girder spans are the longest and heaviest in the state. Each plate girder weighs 56,000 pounds and is in one piece, 102 feet long, and 9 feet and 6 inches high. It takes three of the longest railroad cars to take one plate girder, and there are four. There are also fourteen floor beams made up of plate and angles, and thirty stringers of plate and angles. The total weight of the two spans is 330,000 pounds. The girders are of an improved design; in place of resting only on a flat surface, they rest on pedestals riveted to the end of each girder. At the end of each girder on the abutments and pier there is another pedestal, of the same dimensions, resting on the stonework. These pedestals each have a pin hole five inches in diameter, and the pedestal on the girder and the pedestal on the stone take the same pin, which is also five inches in diameter; so the spans rest on five pins, one at the end of each girder. The reason this is better is that when the bridge deflects the shoe seats remain level on the masonry, and in place of lifting the seats, the rotation takes place on the pins. The expansion takes place at the extreme end of each span, and a nest of 8x3 steel rollers is under the extreme corners of each span. These allow the bridge to expand lengthwise. The work has been inspected by one of the most rigid inspectors in the bridge business, and not one single fault did he find of any kind with the exception of three loose rivets in 18,000. The bridge is exceedingly well built, and does credit to the company and Superintendent Reay.

POSTOFFICE FACILITIES.

Mr. Shepley Hopes for Another Clerk and Carrier.

Postmaster Shepley is hopeful that be fore long he will be able to secure another clerk and carrier. They are sorely needed, and the increased revenues of the office justify the additional outlay required. At present there are portions of the town where only one delivery is made daily, and this fact is a source of complaint. Rural delivery is a matter he is now watching elsewhere, and if the experiments prove successful he will leave no stone unturned to secure the system for the country adjacent to Massillon.

The December Meeting.

The December meeting of the Stark County Horticultural Society will be held at the workhouse at Canton on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, all day. Election of officers and other business of importance will be considered. A musical and literary programme will also be rendered.

MARGARET ROCKHILL, Secretary.

JNO. HARTONG'S MURDER

The Post Mortem Examination Concluded.

SUSPICIONS OF THE AUTHORITIES.

Criminal Cases Will go Over to the Next Term of Court—Edward Wikidal Dies at Aultman Hospital—Alleged Overcharges of Physicians.

CANTON, Dec. 10.—The post mortem examination held Thursday night developed the fact that John Hartong, of Greentown, died from injuries received at the hands of the masked burglars who entered his home last week. Although Mr. Hartong was 88 years of age, he was covered with bruises from kicks and cuffs Death resulted from a blow on the head by a heavy iron wedge. The Canton officials think they have a clew.

Prosecuting Attorney Pomerene said today that it would be necessary to carry a number of criminal cases over to the next term of court. Among the number continued will be the cases of Ohio vs. Turenne Getz and Ohio vs. Andrew Dangeleisen, of Massillon, both of whom were indicted for shooting with intent to wound.

The county commissioners are disturbed by what they regard as the exorbitant demands of the expert witnesses in the lunacy case of Dominick Tyler. The bills are as follows: Dr. A. B. Walker, six visits and three days' attendance at at court, $50; Dr. A. C. Brant, four visits and three days' attendance at court, $50; Dr. T. H. Phillips, three visits and three days' attendance at court, $50.

Edward Wikidal died this morning at the Aultman hospital. He was a member of one of the most prominent families of Canton, and was a dealer in real estate.

John Paul has brought suit against William and Anna Thornburgh to recover $400 due on a promissory note.

Anthony Housel, of Canton, assigned late Thursday afternoon to Harry Fife. The assets are estimated at $9,000 and the liabilities, it is claimed, will amount to $11,000. Mr. Housel conducted the Palace livery stable. The assignee has been ordered to temporarily continue the business.

Sarah Behout, of Canton, assigned at noon Thursday to J. A. Jeffers. The assets are estimated at $1,500, liabilities $1,100.

The will of Gertrude Martin, of Massillon, has been admitted to probate.

Marriage licenses have been granted to David Jones and Etta Thomas, of Canton, and W. H. Davis and Ella Cleaver, of Pigeon Run.

MR. YINGLING IN COURT.

He Explains Why He Succeeds in Winning So Many Victories.

"My twentieth victory in court," announced Mr. Frank Yingling, Wednesday evening, when Mayor Schott told him that if the witnesses were all on his side Mrs. Brown's efforts to convict him of assault and battery would of course come to naught. "My housekeeper was dead wrong when she said I ever struck her or even attempted to strike her, and I can prove it by her own son.

"Georgie," continued he turning to the lad, "didn't I treat your mother like a lady, using gentle words to turn away her wrath when she threatened to brain me with an ax and wanted to give you a beating with a heavy club and wear wet clothes until bedtime and then hurry you off to bed without any supper?

Georgie admitted that he had.

"The reason I am always so successful in court," then said Mr. Yingling, "is because I am always in the right and am just as clever as the lawyers. Now there's my brother John, who is always bringing up things against me. It's costing him all kinds of money, and it's not doing him any good. You see he is always in the wrong. Do what is right and you'll never need to be afraid of anybody."

A SIMILAR CASE.

Lizzie Hay exhibited a bruised and swollen face in the mayor's court Friday morning, and made a charge of assault and battery against Bradley Voshall, who had just returned from a long cruise on the Ohio canal. He pleaded guilty, and was fined $5 and costs.

MR. SAILER AND THE PARK.

The Genial Manufacturer Claims it for His Own.

Gustave J. Sailer today has in the park adjoining the Hotel Sailer immense banners that more emphatically than ever declare the excellence of the cigars, wienerwursts and other things in which he deals. "I have a right to do this," Mr. Sailer said, "for this park cost my father in the neighborhood of $3,500. This park, these trees, and eighteen inches of this soil belongs to our estate. These constitute the whole park, I think, and it is a good place for me to advertise my business. This city can't stop me from putting these signs in here, for this is no city park; it is mine. I'll admit that I cannot build on the park, but I can do what I am without fear of trouble."

Mr. Sailer's cheerful and triumphant note is prompted perhaps, by the card printed two weeks ago, wherein the writer objected to advertising displays in the park. Mr. Sailer's claim of ownership must be a joke. The land belongs to the city. It was formerly a part of the street, which was wider there, than elsewhere, the fathers perhaps expecting to use the space for market purposes. In recent years the late Peter Sailer agreed to convert the space into a small park, at his own cost, in order to increase the value of his adjoining property. This improvement the city permitted, but never in any manner relinquished its title.

A NEW LINE TO DALTON

Citizen Goudy Has Secured the Rights of Way.

WILL BUILD THAT ROUNDHOUSE.

Receiver Blickensderfer of the W. & L. E. Says He is Getting Ready to Erect Such a Building in Massillon—Local Traffic of the W. & L. E.

An electric railway line to Dalton has been long talked of and if constructed would materially benefit the business men of Massillon, as well as to the citizens residing in the territory through which the line would pass. Now is an opportune time, it would seem, for a corporation to execute the proposed plans, for little or no difficulty would be experienced in securing the right of way Residents along the entire route are friendly to the project and eagerly await developments. S. W. Goudy, of Massillon, has given the matter his attention for some time, and has secured promises of the right of way, covering almost the entire distance. The line, if built, would probably begin at the end of the Canton-Massillon Electric Company's track, in West Main street, extend across the narrow strip of country to the Brookfield road, hence to Dalton following the state road.

William Hansen, agent for the W. & L. E. railway company at Massillon, has just completed his report of the business of November, which shows a substantial gain over the corresponding month in 1896. In all 1,108 cars of coal were billed from Massillon via the W. & L. E. road last month, the total tonnage being 27,700 tons. The increase last month in freight originating at Massillon, not including coal, over November, 1896, was 450,057 pounds.

It is the intention of General Manager Blickensderfer, of the W. & L. E. railway, to equip the company's yards at Columbian Heights with a suitable round house, within the next few months. Since the establishment of the terminal in Massillon the company's locomotives have necessarily been left, when not in use, on side-tracks constructed for the purpose, exposed to the weather. The structure will be a substantial one and sufficiently large accommodate all locomotives running in and out of this city.

A BEACH CITY MAN.

The Victim of a Forger—Court House News.

CANTON, Dec. 11.—Jesse Mossholder, who was arrested at Coshocton for forgery, was arraigned before Justice Darr last night. He pleaded not guilty and was placed under $500 bond Mossholder, it is alleged, stole a note for $100 from Wesley Miller, of Beach City, and endorsing the latter's name, presented the note to the maker, H. Gerber, of Canton, securing the money.

Robert McMillen, of Canton, pleade guilty to the petit larceny late Friday afternoon. He was sentenced to the workhouse for ten days by Judge Wise, and fined $10 and the costs of prosecution

The guardian of David Baird, of Lake townshop, has filed a third partial account.—In the estate of Thomas Kaley, of Washington township, the motion to release surety from the executors' bond has been granted.—Inventory and appraisement have been filed in the estate of Maria A. Houk, of Lawrence township. The trustees in the assignment of C. C. Snyder, of Canton, have filed the first partial account.

NAVARRE BRIDGE DOWN.

The W. & L. E. Has an Accident to Contend With.

NAVARRE, Dec. 11.—A pile driver operating on a W. & L. E. railway trestle, just east of the station, was struck by a west-bound coal train, at about 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and thrown into the Tuscarawas river, carrying with it an entire section of the bridge. The train had been flagged when more than a mile from the bridge, but could not be brought to a stop because of the grade and the wet rails.

It was not moving rapidly when the engine reached the trestle. The train did not leave the rails, and the pile driver stopped it as the brakes could not. Grover Cleveland Clemens, the 10-year-old son of Councilman Clemens, was on the bridge when the accident occurred, and was thrown into the river among the falling beams. Internal injuries were sustained, but Dr. Shetler does not consider them serious.

Traffic may be blocked for a day or two by the wrecked bridge. Passengers and perishable freight are being transferred from one train to another in wagons by way of the roads.

Coes your head fell as though someone was hammering it; as though a million sparks were fllying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? Burdock Blood Bitters will cure you.

Only a few more of those calendars left at Bahney's.

"I was run over by a lumber wagon. Did not expect to live. Was terribly bloated. My friends bathed me with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and I was cured. We have great faith in Thomas' Eclectric Oil." Mrs. Wm. F. Babcock, Norvell, Mich.

THE MASSILLON MINES.

Machines and their Effect on Hand Labor.

WHAT JOHN P. JONES SAYS.

Timely and Useful Information About the Mining Industry in Massillon District—Work, Wages and Methods in Vogue—From Official Sources.

The annual report of the inspector of mines is always interesting and valuable, and especially since the work has been entrusted to the present chief inspector, Robert M. Haseltine. In his report to the casualities companies doing business in the United States, Edmund G. Arnot, of Boston, consulting and mechanical engineer, says that the coal mines of Ohio are under the most reliable state inspection in the Union, and he compliments Ohio upon having a scientific chief inspector who is not harassed by political interference and commands the assistance of practical district inspectors. The report for the year 1896 contains many facts of especial interest in Massillon. Unfortunately the statistics are given by counties, and as the Massillon district embraces portions of Stark, Wayne, Summit and Tuscarawas counties, it is not possible to ascertain the precise amount of business of what is known in the trade as the Massillon district.

It appears that in Stark county there was introduced last year a new system of mining by machinery in the Woodland mine. The Ingersoll-Sargeant system of operating with compressed air is used. District Inspector Jones says of this mine: "Eighty miners are engaged with pick and machines. The use of machines introduced to mine this coal is exciting the mining fraternity, as it is granted, should they prove successful that sooner or later all mines in the district will be equipped with them. It is also understood that the trials have not been entirely satisfactory to the management." The tonnage of the Woodland mine amounted to 15,001 for 1896.

The average number of mines worked in Stark county in 1896 was 88, a loss of nine. These mines were worked an average of thirty-one weeks during the year. Of the Stark county mines thirty employ more than ten men and sixty-five less than ten men. There were employed in Stark county 1,898 miners, a gain of 89 over 1895. Add to this number 515 day hands. During the year ten mines were opened, eight suspended, and seven were abandoned. The new mines in this county are the Nutwood, Willow Spring No. 2, Henry, Everhard's Nos. 1 and 2, Pefferby & McFadden, Crystal Spring, Eureka, Massillon Standard, Rice and Bolinger.

Scales were tested and six cases of inaccuracy were found in Stark county. Carbureted hydrogen, or fire damp was found in the Minglewood and Warwick shafts.

The chief inspector ascertains and proves by the use of elaborate tables that thirty tons of coal are mined in Stark county to each keg of powder used. In Portage and Summit and Wayne counties the average is still lower, so that Massillon district continues on record as using more powder per ton than any district in the state. In Mahoning county 246 tons are produced to a keg of powder; in Hocking county, 126 tons; in Jackson county, 27 tons, and the average for the state is 55¼ tons to each keg of powder.

During 1896 there were seven fatal accidents in Stark county, two other of the mining counties having the same record. There were twenty-five serious and eight minor casualties in this county. Of the fatalities in Stark county, five resulted from falls of roof, one from fall of coal, and one from another cause.

The production of coal in the Massillon district counties, for 1896, footed up as follows:

Stark—Lump, 805,044; nut, 93,327; pea and slack, 158,608; total, 1,056,979, total, 1895, 860,733.

Wayne—Lump, 56,036; nut, 4,014; pea and slack, 9,008; total, 69,058; total for 1895, 119,015.

Summit—Lump, 42,970; nut, 4,020; pea and slack, 7,076; total, 53,666; total for 1895, 49,260.

Tuscarawas—Lump 404,954; nut, 102,133; pea and slack, 106,476; total, 613,563; total for 1895, 753,286.

The report of District Inspector John P. Jones is in part as follows:

"The year past has been one of depression and inactivity in the business world, and it is the judgment and belief of those whose opportunities for observation are excellent, that the coal trade has suffered immeasurably the blithing, blasting influence of the prostration. In consequence of this we have encountered a disposition on the part of the mine managers to trench on the required expenses necessary to maintain that standard of sanitary excellence the department is striving to establish. We are, therefore, unable to make a very marked improvement in the mines of this district.

"We are still annoyed by the vicious, filthy, smoking oil, yet a tendency to use a better class of oil is observable. The commendable practice of closing disused breakthroughs is rising in favor among the mine managers. The antiquated methods of ventilation by furnace and fire basket are slowly disappearing, being superceded by the infinitely better method of 'fans.' "

Have your mats cut at Bahney's.

MRS. M'KINLEY DEAD.

She Passes Away at an Early Hour Sunday Morning.

CANTON, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. All night long the members of the family were watching and waiting for what was thought to be the time of dissolution. When the doctor called after 10 o'clock he said the symptoms were such that he thought she could not live through the night. His predictions were correct. His services were no longer needed. From 11 o'clock until the time of death the McKinley house was quiet. The end came without a struggle. It was a sleep whose significance could not be mistaken. She died on the day of all days most sacred to her. How fitting that the spirit of the remarkable woman should return to Him who gave it on the day of rest!

BORDERING ON IDIOCY.

Effect of the Bicycle Contest on the Men Enlisted.

A SUPREME TEST OF ENDURANCE.

Trainers Compel Overworked and Overwrought Wheelmen to Stick to Their Weary and Monotonous Task—A Crowd Watches Them All Night Long.

[By Associated Press to THE INDEPENDENT]

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The six days bicycle contest ends today. Several of the men are in an almost idiotic condition from long protracted exercise and loss of sleep. Two of them collided and rolled off their wheels, but were put back by their trainers and compelled to keep going. One fell off his wheel and broke it, but was quickly placed on another wheel and started on his monotonous round. Three thousand people staid all night watching the test of human endurance. Miller at 10:15 had scored 2019 miles. Next in order are Rice 1922; Schinner 1,395; Hale 1,821. The best previous record in 130 hours is 1,761 miles by Hale.

The mental condition of the riders in the bicycle race grew worse all day. Rice is raving nearly all the time. At one time he complained that he had lost his eyes and begged his trainers to fill the sockets with tissue paper. Next he declared that half his head was coming off. When the trainers bandaged his head he was satisfied. Miller is in better condition than the others, though he cannot stand when he dismounts.

At 2:15 the score stood: Miller, 2,047; Rice, 1,963; Schinner, 1,940; Hale, 1,884; Waller, 1,838. The best previous record for 134 hours is 1,819 miles made by Hale.

PRESIDENT RATCHFORD.

He Says Something about Rumors of a Strike.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 11.—President Ratchford of the United Mine Workers states that there is no truth whatever in the stories going the rounds of the newspapers to the effect that there is to be a conference of the miners' officials and leading operators of the country some time this month to consider next year,s scale. He says that such a conference would have no authority to fix the rate for next year, even if it could agree upon a scale of prices. So far as the miners' organization is concerned, that power is vested alone in the national convention, and that body does not meet until the second week in January.

It is true that there has been some correspondence between the miners' officials and the leading operators regarding a joint conference to consider the scale question, but it is not probable, nor is it the intention at this time that this meeting shall take place before the convening of the national convention in this city next month.

"It is true that the miners will ask for an advance," said Mr. Ratchford, "but as to what the demand will be, I am unable to say." As to a strike, President Ratchford said he had not thought of that contingency yet. He looked upon a strike as a last resort. A scale of prices for the ensuing year can be made the middle of January as well as at the beginning of the year. For that and other reasons enumerated Mr. Ratchford says there will be no joint conference to consider the scale question this month.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MISS JENNIE STREEBY.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 11.—Miss Jennie Streeby, of this place, teacher at the Forty Corners' school, died shortly after two o'clock, Friday afternoon. Miss Streeby was taken ill last Sunday. A few minutes previous to her death, Miss Streeby appeared to be better than at any time during her illness, and the change came suddenly and almost before those at her beside could realize it.

J. P. CREIGHTON.

J. P. Creighton, who died at his home in Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, was born and raised in Massillon. He learned his trade in Russell & Co.'s works and shortly after marriage settled at Louisville. He will be kindly remembered by his hosts of friends in Massillon.

FREDERICK DAGUS.

Frederick Dagus, who was taken sick while unloading hay at his farm, southwest of Massillon, a week ago, died Wednesday evening. Heart failure was the cause. He leaves a family.

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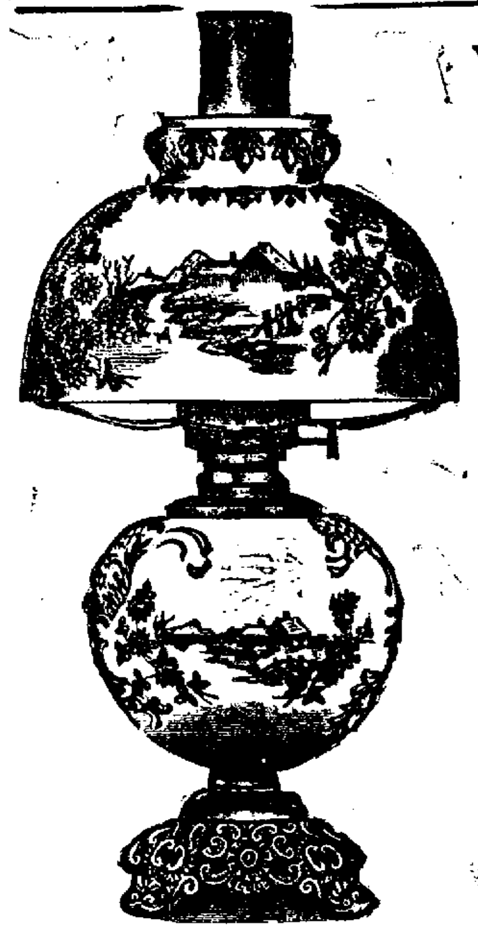

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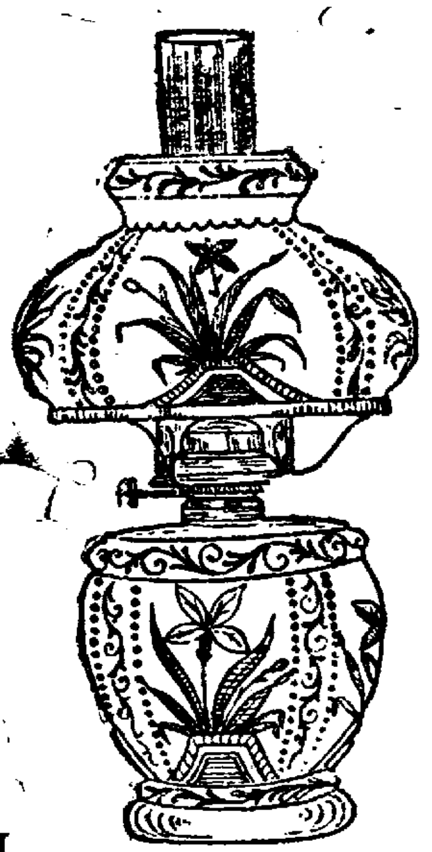

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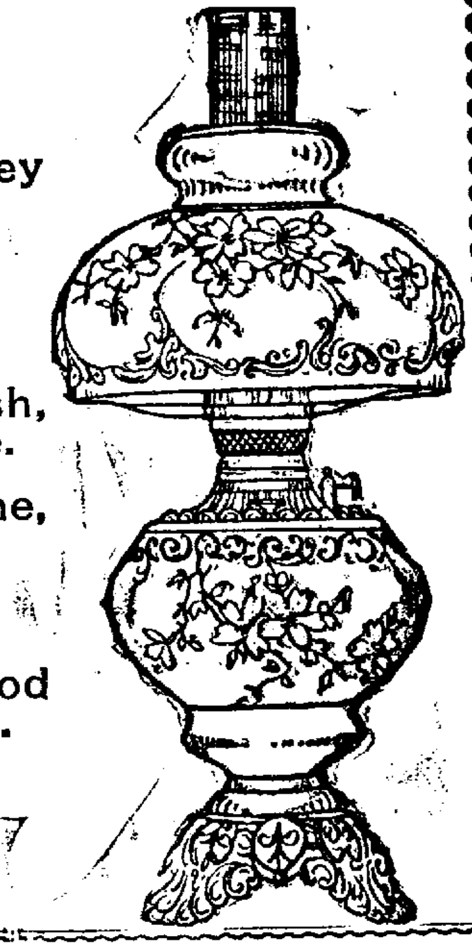

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS THAT MAY BE MADE AT HOME.

An Odd and Useful Device For Sister or Mother—A Novel Gift For the College Student In Which the College Colors Are Employed.

Christmas gifts should not be too costly. Expensive gifts upset the equilibrium of things generally, for they necessitate a return in kind and so degenerate into commerce. Perhaps the most acceptable of all holiday presents are those that bear the imprint of loving hands, something homemade and handmade. Gifts for intimate friends and members of the family should not represent a sum of money, but rather affection and kind thoughtfulness.

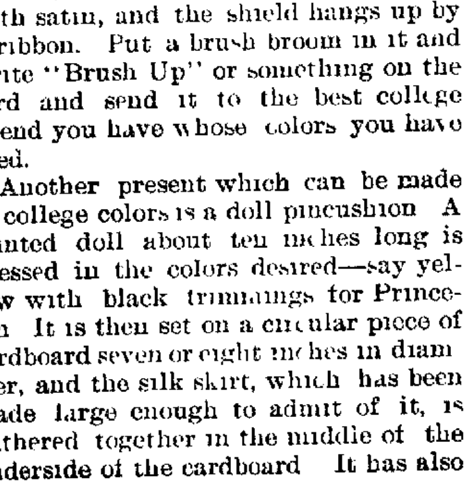
One of the cutest things of a homely kind is a device for keeping shoe buttons, needles and thread together, and it may be readily rigged up by any one who has the least faculty for "making things." A clay pipe is the foundation, and it is dressed up as an old lady in a calico dress. The back of the pipe forms the face, with that sharp point for the nose, and eyes and mouth are put on with pencil just as pipe nuns are made The stem is then stuck into the spool of linen thread which answers two purposes—that of holding the pipe up and of being handy when the thread is wanted The old lady has a sunbonnet on her head, a fichu pinned around her neck with the shoe needle and a wide skirt The buttons are in a bag that hangs on her sleeve She also wears a white apron, upon which are written these words

My name is Miss Piper.
I'm not a penwiper,
But if from your shoes
Your buttons you lose
Just bring them to me
And you'll readily see
With what great delight
I'll sew them on tight

The difficulty of making suitable gifts for a brother or cousin who is away at college has been greatly lessened by bringing the college colors into requisition. This is especially pretty where there are two colors combined or three, as is the case with Johns Hopkins university

A pretty present made on this plan is a brush broom case made in the shape of a shield Those the writer has seen were for Yale and Princeton White was combined with the Yale blue to relieve it The upper part of the shield, which was made of pasteboard was covered with plain blue satin, and the body of the shield was striped up and down with the blue and white. On the plain blue white flags are painted with the sticks crossing in the middle and having a blue Y on the flag sheet. The back is, of course, a plain piece covered with satin, and the shield hangs up by a ribbon. Put a brush broom in it and write "Brush Up" or something on the card and send it to the best college friend you have whose colors you have used.

Another present which can be made in college colors is a doll pincushion A jointed doll about ten inches long is dressed in the colors desired—say yellow with black trimmings for Princeton It is then set on a circular piece of cardboard seven or eight inches in diameter, and the silk skirt, which has been made large enough to admit of it, is gathered together in the middle of the underside of the cardboard It has also been stuffed with lamb's wool or cotton batting, and when finished it makes a very good pincushion. These doll cushions were introduced in New York at the time of the Yale-Princeton football game, but they are just as acceptable at Christmas time.

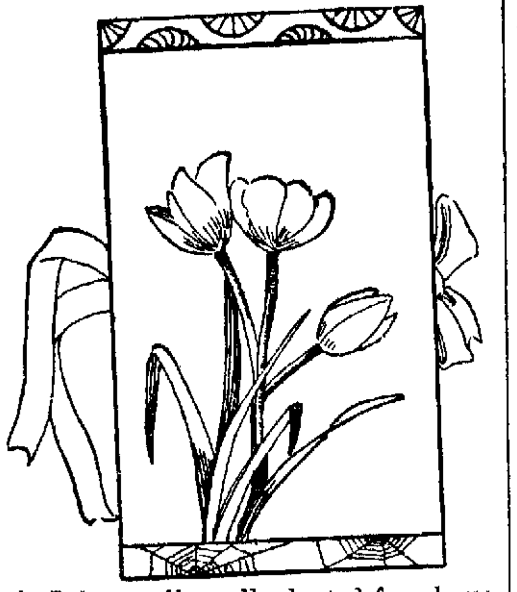


Crimson for Harvard, blue for Yale, yellow and black for Princeton, brown and white for Brown, blue and white for Columbia, scarlet and brown for St. Lawrence, carnelian and white for Cornell—any of these colors combined to make the simplest kind of an article will please a young man who takes pride in his college and the appearance of his room.

A HOLIDAY HINT.

A Homemade Christmas Present Suitable For Men or Women.

A Christmas present that is serviceable and elegant may be made with a slight expenditure of work and material. It is equally well adapted for gloves and for handkerchiefs and makes a gift suited to the needs of either the fastidious man or the dainty woman.



Cut two pieces of cardboard of the exact size you wish the case to be and cover each with black satin on which you have embroidered yellow crocuses and a yellow border in gold thread. Line each with yellow india silk and stretch across them bands of satin ribbon, as the diagram shows, which is precisely the method used in making the bill cases in vogue some years ago

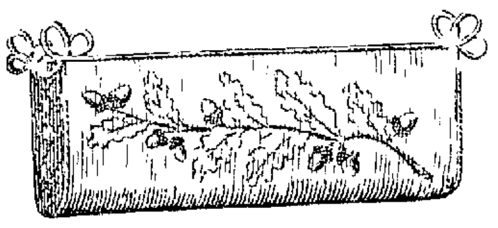
Overhand the ribbons neatly to the edge of the covered boards, and you will then find that whichever way the case is opened its contents remain smooth and neat, as it is the ribbons and not the articles they hold in place, which change from side to side.

At the center of each board on both its longer sides sew fast a handsome ribbon, by which when tied the case may be kept closed and free from dust, and when that last step is taken the work will be complete

FOR EVENING TIES.

A Neat and Useful Christmas Present For a Gentleman.

A useful handmade Christmas present to a gentleman is a sachet for holding white ties. This design is a German fancy and bears the national tree, the oak A more appropriate decoration would be an ivy branch, which is the emblem of friendship It is long enough to hold white ties folded in half and broad enough for two to lie side by side inside it The case opens in book fashion and the ties are kept in place by four straps of narrow white elastic, put across inside from side to side of the case, two near the top and two near the bottom The outside cover must be of plain colored satin, embroidered, lined with quilted perfumed satin The cone is edged with cord and the loops of the cord made at each corner.



A Novel Button Bag.

"If you want to look right, sew your buttons on tight" is the motto painted in water colors on a novel button bag that is being finished for the holidays The main part of this bag is one-half yard of two inch ribbon, and its construction is quite simple. Fold the ribbon in half, and in the fold place a spool of patent shot thread Above it on the silk lightly mark a line in order that when a row of machine stitching is run across the spool will be held in place, but not so tightly that the thread cannot be unwound Above the thread pocket make a similar pocket for the paper of needles, then one for the scissors, and above this join the sides of the ribbon to form a small bag. Turn down the rough edges of the ribbon and make a narrow casing in which a small cord is to be run This not only draws up the little ribbon bag, but serves to hang up the entire article To the back of the bag attach six buttonholed leaves of white flannel for the needlebook The motto can first be outlined on the ribbon with a soft pencil and then embroidered in with silk Bright red and olive green make a dainty, pretty bag.

A Homemade Tape Measure.

An exceedingly pretty as well as useful adjunct to one's workbasket is a tape measure made from grosgrain ribbon to take the place of the usual ugly measure, which does not seem suited to the pretty baskets which are now so generally used The measure can be made as long as one chooses but for the one most generally used a yard and one eighth of grosgrain ribbon three-quarters of an inch wide are needed. The ribbon, if a pale violet, should be marked off into quarter inches with violet ink, and the ends are fastened over little white sticks, which can be procured at any store where art notions are sold The measure is made much prettier when tiny violets, outlined in ink, are scattered here and there on the ribbon

Hand Painted Gifts.

Picture or easel draperies make acceptable Christmas gifts—for instance, one of pale shrimp pink with Safrano and La France roses; one of gray blue silk with a flight of swallows, or of light golden olive with a clematis vine showing rich, bronze green foliage and feathery white blossoms. Every one likes a hand screen to ornament the mantel or to shade the face from the blaze of the open fireplace. Exceedingly pretty ones of satin with gilt handles may be bought ready for decorating at a reasonable price. If a Watteau group can be copied from an old fan, no prettier design can be found. Cupid and Psyche, groups of butterflies or clusters of flowers are appropriate.

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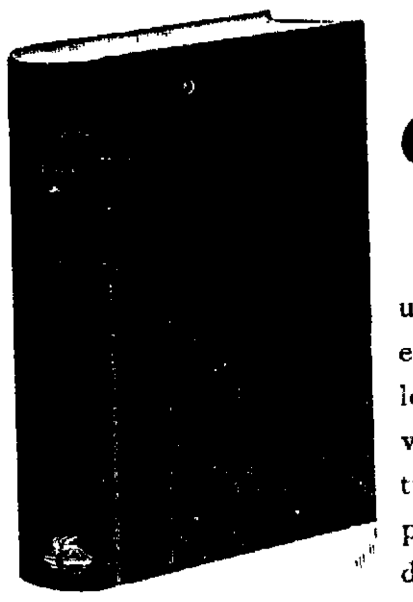

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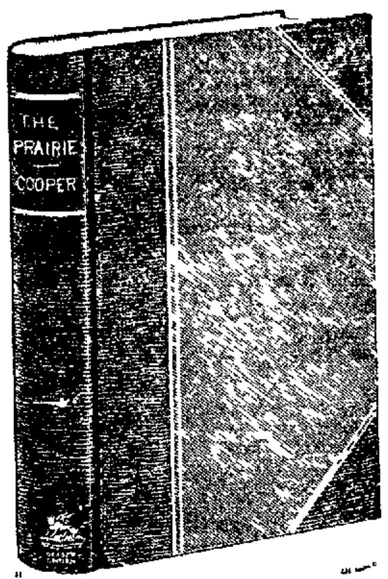

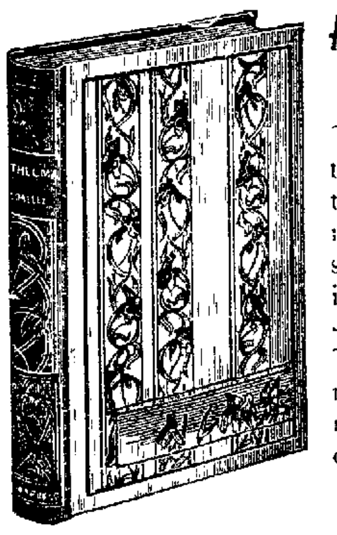

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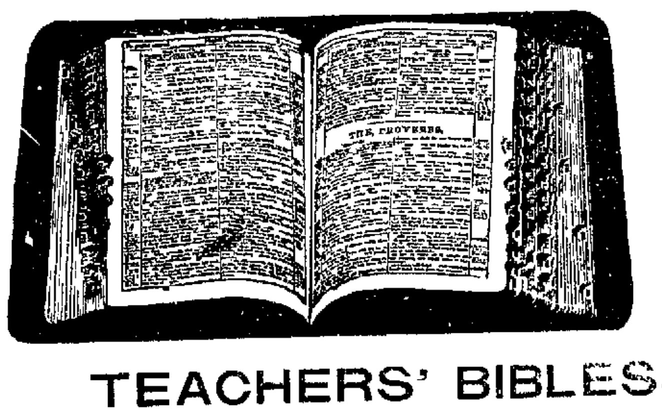

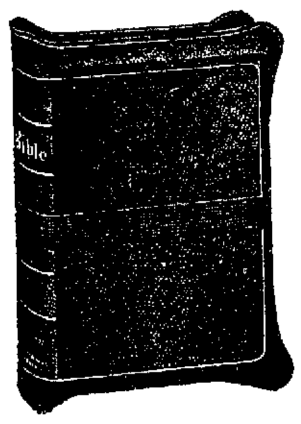

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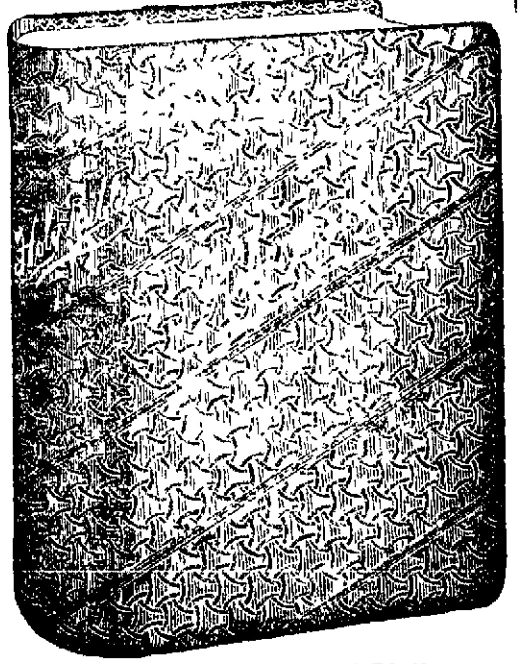

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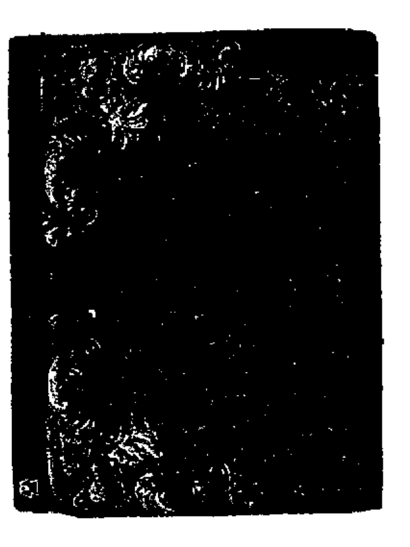

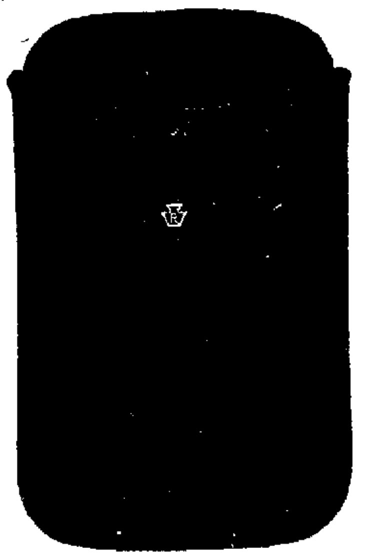

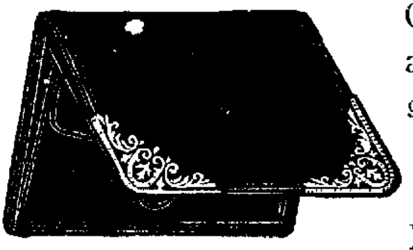

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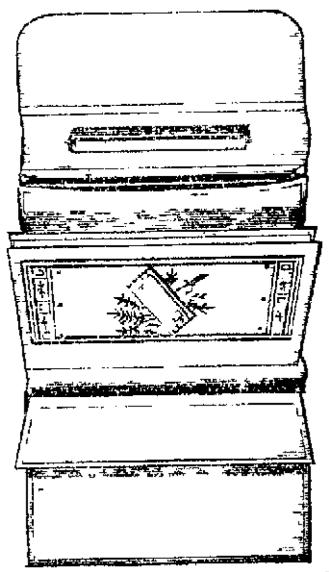

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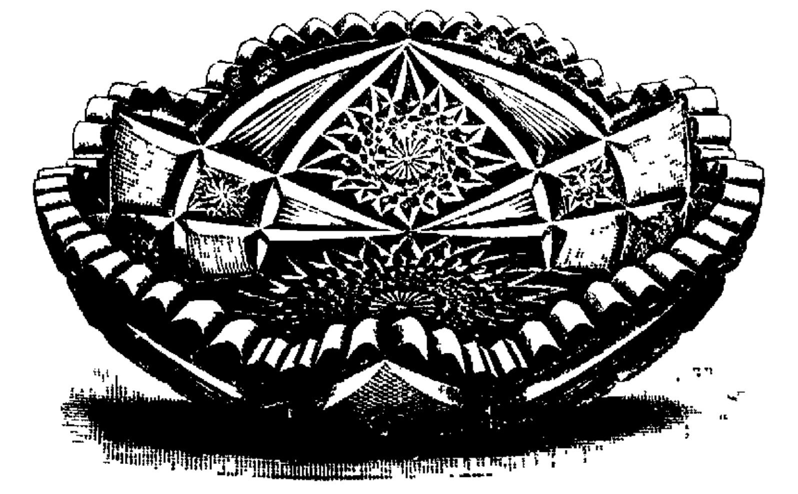

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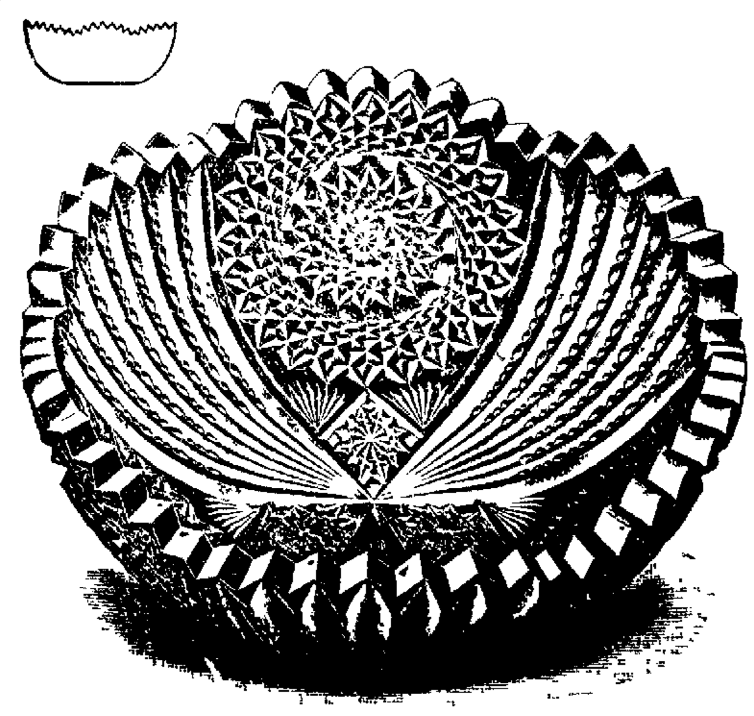

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1897.

The Toledo Blade remarks that "the press of the state is busily engaged in singing the praises of Toledo, as the only point in the state to hold the centennial." This will be news to the press. THE INDEPENDENT still believes that Massillon is the only really proper place for the state centennial, because of its historical and geographical importance. The press will sing louder in praise of Toledo after that exposition company has its proposed capital of $500,000 subscribed and paid in, than at present. This is also true of Columbus. The town that gets the centennial will have to work for it.

Wm. J. Bryan is now doing Mexico. He was warmly welcomed in the name of President Diaz as "our great silver friend." Before leaving San Antonio, where he spent four hours, Mr. Bryan changed $500 of American bills into Mexican money. He received of the latter $1 090 and a forcible cheap money object lesson. Thus our Massillon people can see what would happen should Mr. Bryan ever succeed in Mexicanizing the United States. Wages would be the last to respond to the inflation, prices would go up, and men to whom honest dollars were due would receive cheapened dollars in repayment.

The article in this issue on coal production in this county will be found to be full of important facts. As nearly as can be ascertained, there was a total of 805,044 tons of lump coal produced in that part of Massillon district, which lies in Stark county in 1896. At an average price of fifty-six cents per ton, it appears that the miners were paid $450,824 for mining this amount. This total, is of course, for pick mining and takes no account of day labor. Dividing this by 1,898, the number of Stark county miners, and we find that they received, on an average, $237 for their year's work. It is to be noted, however, that they worked only thirty-one weeks. Had they worked steadily they would have received $397. The average earnings of the miners of the state, for the year 1896 were $221.55, so that the Stark county miners are a trifle above the average.

Harper's Weekly says very truly that a subject that would stand more discussion than it gets is free delivery by the postoffice department in rural districts. It is not impracticable, and the chief questions about it are whether the farmers want it and whether it would be worth what it would cost. There would be some economies in it resulting from the diminution of fourth-class postoffices and some gains in revenue from an increased postal business. In thousands of districts it would pay very well. The $10,000,000 or so that might be saved by some wholesome amendments to the law which governs second-class mail matter would pay the deficit on a good deal of rural free delivery. THE INDEPENDENT believes that several routes out of Massillon could have a daily delivery of mail. Carriers might easily work from Massillon to Navarre, Mt. Eaton, Dalton, Newman, Crystal Spring and McDonaldsville. What do the country people think of the idea? Now is the time for them to agitate, and petition Congressman Tayler.

The Toledo Blade has information obtained from a large Ohio operator, contained in a private letter, suggestive of trouble among the miners. The communication advises the Toledo agent not to take any contracts which cannot be filled before January 1. It is stated that the miners will ask for an advance of 4 cents per ton on the first of the year. Then the agreement by which the last strike was settled expires. At the time of the last strike, there was an understanding that if business justified it the miners were to receive another raise when the present agreement should go out of effect. If the miners in Ohio ask for a raise and the Pennsylvania miners do not join with them in asking for a corresponding advance, the old question of the differential between the two fields will be opened. The Blade takes the thing to serious, in THE INDEPENDENT'S opinion. Mr. Ratchford is not likely to encourage a strike in Ohio, while Pennsylvania miners continue at work. A demand for higher wages must be general in order to succeed. That wages will be increased is everybody's hope, but most intelligent influences are fairly certain to oppose merely local demands which would do away with the differential against Pennsylvania, and thus, while advancing wages, kill the market for coal.

THE COUNTY WORKHOUSE,

The agitation concerning the expenditures at the workhouse promise to yield immediate results, although many people have inferred that the re-election of Mr. Pontius as superintendant meant continued extravagance. The trustees appear to have recognized the justness of the complaint against them, by determining upon some radical economies. These are spoken of in an interview had with Mr. Loeffler of Massillon, by a Canton Repository reporter. In this interview it was learned that the trustees contemplated an entire change in the manner of conducting the affairs and work of the institution. He said it had been practically decided to abandon the farming implements, horses and other stock also the stone crusher, engines, tools and other appliances about the institutson used in doing that kind of work that has heretofore been done by the prisoners.

"We intend to quit all outside work" continued Mr. Loeffler, "and the money derived from the sale of the articles mentioned will be paid over to the county treasurer to be credited to the workhouse fund. We hope to realize enough in this way to put the fund in a good shape and thus lessen the burden of taxation. It has been demonstrated to our entire satisfaction that it costs too much to conduct the outside work as heretofore and for that reason we purpose to abandon it entirely. We intend to enlarge the broom factory and give that industry into the hands of a Pittsburg man who will employ not less than 75 prisoners. This will give employment to practically all the prisoners and will be a source of more revenue to the county and greatly lessen the expense of conducting the institution. By this arrangement the prisoners will be put under contract to the management of the broom factory for a stipulation that will be profitable both to us and the factory."

The foregoing views are a sufficient vindication of the charges made against the institution. THE INDEPENDENT has not concerned itself with rumors of irregularities, and prefers to think well of all public officers, Republican or Democratic until positive unfaithfulness is well established. This paper has taken stand on the plain proposition that the workhouse costs more than it is worth, and the trustees, although tardily, seem to think so, too. It now remains for the examiners to give us more light on details, and for the trustees of the workhouse to give us a report from which exact facts may be ascertained. Let us all hope that the shaking up will result in saving money for the taxpayers. In the meantime, the public will keep a sharper eye upon the institution, and expect better things.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message ends with the significant sentence that "it is a commanding duty to keep the appropriations within the receipts of the Government and thus avoid a deficit." This is the real secret of the "deficit"—not insufficient revenues, but excessive appropriations. And it is by restraining the expenses of the Government within the limits of probable revenues, instead of reaching out over land and sea for new fields of expenditure, that the deficit is to be avoided. The President has thus given to the Congress, on all domestic affairs at least, a good chart by which to steer.—Phila. Times.

As the President presents it, this is the situation of the country in a nut shell: We are at peace with the world. American money must express the highest value of money, no less, no more. The national credit must be above menace or reproach. So far as Cuba is concerned, war is war, and cannot be waged with butter and honey. We may strive to bring about peace, but peace alone with honor. In the meantime the rights of American citizens in Cuba have been protected, for the sword, though sheathed, is not dull of edge. Through American influence Spain grants reforms to Cuba.—New York Herald (Ind. Dem.)

There were more than a score of American citizens in Cuban jails, some of them under sentence of death. To-day, at the demand of this government, every one is at liberty. Spain refused to consider any recommendations or representations made by this government looking to a cessation of hostilities. Now she "appreciates the friendly purposes of this government" and "admits that our country is deeply affected by this war in Cuba, and that its desires for peace are just." These two facts indicate the success of American diplomacy in dealing with Spain quite without precedent in the long history of Cuban troubles.—N. Y. Tribune. (Rep.)

To the large Republican majority in the house these currency proposals furnish a field of battle and a plan of campaign which give them every advantage in the irrepressible conflict with the small silver majority in the Senate. They are so moderate that all the party forces—bank currency men, gold standard men and "international agreement" men—can unite upon them. They are so simple that the bills necessary to formulate them need scarcely to go into committee. Their patriotic necessity is so plain that they will make the most admirable of issues for advocady or defence at the November polls.—N. Y. Press (Rep).

SECRETARY GAGE'S INTENTION.

He Will Embody Currency Recommendations in Different Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—It is stated that Secretary Gage will not embody his financial views in one comprehensive bill, but will cover special subjects in a number of special bills, some of which would go before the house committee on banking and currency, and others before the committee on ways and means.

This last feature occasioned comment, owing to the sharp contest between the ways and means committee and the banking and currency committee respectively to control legislation designed to bring about currency reform.

A GROWTH IN TRADE.

Opening of Congress Followed by an Increase.

NEW ORDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED.

This Unexpected at the Present, Usually the Dullest, Season of the Year—More Demand For Iron and Steel Products. Failures For the Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade issued today says: The opening of congress, with the annual message and reports, has not discouraged business, as some predicted, but all speculative markets are stronger than a week ago. The productive industries, even in the season usually about the dullest of the year as to new orders, meet a definite improvement in demand for important products, presumably the fruit of a prevailing conviction that new business will begin to crowd the works after the new year starts. The outward movement of wheat and other products continues so heavy that foreign exchange has fallen three-quarters of a cent, and instead of exports of gold which have marked december in recent years imports would come if gold were wanted. Securities are advancing with reason in the increased earnings of railways, $47,05[illegible] for November on reporting roads in the United States, [illegible].8 per cent larger than last year and 5.9 larger than in [illegible] still, in comparison for five year shows that in each of the last three months earnings have been greater than in any previous year, with a larger increase in November than in October or September.

The sudden rise in December wheat at Chicago to $1.0 would do harm were it not based on avowed contracts [illegible] some millions of bushels to Europe. That fact and the continued foreign demand in spite of such enormous [illegible] has helped a raise of [illegible] cents [illegible]. Western receipts for the week were [illegible] bushels, against 3,691,3[illegible]4 a year and Atlantic exports, including flour, [illegible], against 2,5[illegible]5,65[illegible] last year and so great is the foreign shortage that the outgo of corn last year, far greater than ever before, is again exceeded [illegible] 3,086 for the week, against [illegible] a year ago, with the price nearly 1 cent higher for the week. The report that western supplies are running low is discredited by receipts from farmers. Cotton is a sixteenth stronger, in spite of estimates ranging from [illegible] to 11,000,000 bales by well known authorities. A strike in English mills is no longer threatened, and the possibility of one at Fall River has little weight. The demand for woolen goods has clearly improved, and more wool has just been purchased abroad and is being imported, the sales in domestic markets having been for the past week only [illegible],000,000 pounds at Boston, and in two weeks [illegible] pounds at the three markets. While some grades have been sold largely at prices lower than a month ago, quotations are generally maintained.

There is more demand for iron and steel products in preparation for railway work, bridges and buildings next year, and on contracts for export, including one for a government bridge in Finland orders for bridges in Japan, with large shipments of various products to England and other countries. Foreign contracts for 40,000 tons rails are pending, 5,000 to Mexico. In and about New York bridge and building contracts call for 2[illegible] tons, and Chicago works are figuring on numerous contracts for 5,000 railway cars. The formation of the American Steel and Wire company is expected to strengthen prices and causes some buying. While Bessemer at $10 and Grey forge at $9.15 are slightly lower at Pittsburg, prices are stronger at Chicago and in all quarters, heavy business is expected after the new year. A sale of lake copper, said to be [illegible] pounds at [illegible] cents so strengthens the demand that 10.[illegible]7 cents is bid but tin and lead are very dull and spelter a shade lower, while future contracts for tinplates have been made at $2.[illegible] per 100 pounds.

Connellsville coke production is [illegible] tons weekly, against 14[illegible] in November and no advance is now expected above [illegible] for furnace coke early next year. Anthracite coal is weaker and sells here at $[illegible] to $[illegible] for stove.

Failures in the first week of December were but $3,617,240, manufacturing, $37[illegible], and trading, $[illegible].

Failures for the week have been 312 in the United States, against 380 last year, and 29 in Canada, against 43 last year.

MAY BURN THE FIENDS.

The Three Mississippi Negro Murderers Being Tried Lynching to Follow.

WESSON, Miss., Dec. 11.—Charley Lewis, alleged murderer of the Brown Smith family, is being tried before Justice T. D. Holmes. He has given testimony implicating two other negroes—Will Powell and Andy Smith—who are now in custody. Lynching will follow and every negro will be made to carry pine knots to burn the others. The trial is being conducted in a lawful manner and a committee has charge of the prisoners and will not permit them to be sent to any jail. Lewis confessed.

It is believed that a general clean up will be made in that section of the country and that a number of negroes will be lynched.

Treaty of Peace Made Public.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The text of the definitive treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece, which was published here today, contains about 2,000 words, including the protocols referring respectively to the commercial convention and consular immunities. The treaty amplifies the preliminary peace, terms, all the points of which have already been published.

Police Interrupted the Race.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Police stopped the six-day bicycle riders for a time and made an examination. All but one, Enterman, were allowed to continue.

The Weather.

Threatening, with light rain; cooler; fresh to brisk southwesterly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

REGISTERED LETTERS ROBBED.

About $1,000 Taken on the Central Railway of New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—It has been learned that one of the biggest robberies in the history of the New York postoffice occurred on Nov. 9. The amount involved is said to be in the neighborhood of $1,000, and was taken from registered letters in the railway mail service on that section of the Central Railway of New Jersey known as the New York, Somerville and Easton branch. On Nov. 9 it is stated that two bags were taken.

How long the defalcations had gone on before that date has not yet been ascertained. Major Charles F. Lewis of the Philadelphia branch of the government secret service has been in this city investigating the robbery, which has been kept secret until now by the postal authorities.

A RUSHING MARRIAGE BUSINESS

South Carolina Justice Breaks All Past Records.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 11.—South Carolina has in 'Squire W. O. Bailes the champion marrying justice of the country. Since Bailes received his commission as a magistrate of York county last January, he has married 207 couples and the rush of business, which comes with the holidays, has not yet begun. 'Squire Bailes lives but a few hundred yards from the North Carolina line and this fact accounts for his remarkable record as a marrying justice.

In South Carolina, a marriage license is not required and as a result Bailes' establishment has become a veritable Gretna Green. Bailes hold himself in readiness at all hours of day and night and any couple which have the moderate sum of $5 can avail themselves of his service.

A DEMENTED MAN'S ACT.

Climbed a Mountain Side and Sat on a Rock Two Days.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 11.—A strange man came to Penn Haven, and after lingering about the station for some time, climbed to the side of the mountain. He took a position on a rock and kept his gaze skyward. He kept that position for two nights and two days. Officer Goodmaker then ascended the mountain side and took the man from his perch.

It was discovered that the man was demented. He had on his person several large knives and a large needle. The officer learned from him that his name was Dominic Mencie and that he came from New York. When relieved of his weapons he became angry, and it took six men to place him in a car and take him to this city. He was sent back to New York.

Actor Mansfield Held In Bail.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Richard Mansfield, the actor, has been held in $500 bail to answer at court a charge of assault and battery preferred by John Metzger of Cleveland, who has been in the actor's employ as a dresser for the past seven years. Metzger testified that the assault occurred in Mansfield's dressing room at the Chestnut Street Opera house. Metzger was dressing him for "Prince Karl" when a button came off.

Believes Durrant Is Innocent.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 11.—Judge E. M. Merriman of Little Rock, who was personally acquainted with and once represented J. E. Blanther, alias Forbes, as attorney in this city, insists that Blanther and not Durrant murdered Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams in San Francisco, and that the execution of Durrant will therefore be a judicial murder.

Disastrous Prairie Fire.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 11.—A disastrous praire fire has occurred in this county, fanned by a strong south wind. The farmers fought like demons to preserve their crops, the women and children assisting. The canyons running east and west along Trail creek finally stopped the fire, but only after serious property loss had been entailed.

Mill Hands Get an Increase.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 11.—The union hands in the Wilkesbarre Lace mill had their wages advanced 15 per cent, as a consequence of a meeting between the trades' committee of the chartered society of amalgamated lace curtain operatives of America and the management of the mill.

Was Arrested In Alliance.

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 11.—A man giving the name of George Barnhardt was arrested at Alliance, O., charged with being one of the robbers who looted the Milford bank a week ago. He has been brought here and given a preliminary hearing. He was positively identified by witnesses of the crime. He was bound over in $3,000 bonds, lacking which he was placed in jail to await trial.

New Railroad and Town.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—Surveyors have began work on route of the road on the West Virginia bank of the Ohio river to the new south side town opposite here. Pennsylvania company officials have written the projectors of the new sheet mill and steel plant at that place that the road will be extended that far in the spring.

Died as He Husked Corn.

WINCHESTER, Dec. 11.—Jasper Myers, an aged citizen of Fincastle, six miles west of here, was found dead in a barn near his home. He had been husking corn, and when found by a son the body was warm and in one hand was a partly husked ear, while in the other was a husking peg. He was nearly 80 years old.

A Prominent Lawyer Assassinated.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Joe Reid, a prominent lawyer of Tangipahoa and widely known as a figure in the feuds in the Florida parishes, has been assassinated. He was shot in the back on the stairway of the court house at Franklinton.

Shot From Ambush.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 11.—The strike in Paint Rocks coal mine, at Almy, culminated in the shooting of two miners. They were William West and James Garber. Both were shot from ambush, and it is not known who their wouldbe murderers are.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Today's market was considered very good evidence of the substantial character of this rise. The fact that London was a seller was an important factor. The Granger list is named to lead the further advance in the next few weeks. It is observed that low priced stocks such as N. P., Atchinson and M. P. are showing phenomenal earnings and are expected to play an important part in the general rise.

The following is the weekly bank statement:

Reserve decreased	$3,235,525
Loans increased	9,981,300
Specie decreased	609,900
Legals decreased	402,800
Deposits increased	8,891,300
Circulation decreased	61,800

Akron bank clearances for the week ended Dec. 10 amounted to $274,900. Canton clearances amounted to $169,100.

The following figures show fluctuations of stocks, as furnished by T. B. Arnold's exchange:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Closing.
American Sugar	141¼	143⅝	140½	142⅞
American Spirits	8	8	8	8
American Tobacco	87⅜	88¼	87⅜	88¼
Atchison (Pfd.)	29¾	30	29¾	29⅞
C. B. & Q.	97¾	98¼	97¾	98
Chicago Gas	95⅛	96⅛	95⅛	96⅛
Louisville & Nashville	57⅜	57⅞	57⅛	57⅞
Manhattan	107½	107⅝	106½	107⅜
Missouri Pacific	34⅞	35¼	34⅞	35⅛
Rock Island	90¼	91	90¼	90⅞
St. Paul	94¾	95	94⅝	94⅞
Western Union	90	90⅛	90	90¼

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Wheat opened a fraction lower and market very dull, continuing so all day, with a range of only ½ cent in May. December still continues its erratic movements, and today closed 1½ cents higher than yesterday. The January option reflects the movement in December much quicker and on a larger scale, being nearer cash than May or July, and is a purchase on any reaction. Bradstreet reports exports on both coasts for the week a trifle lower than last week, being 6,005,628 bushels, against 6,699,960 last year. The total clearance from four ports one day is 565,000 bushels wheat and flour. Liverpool cables have ignored our advances in the past day or two, and closed today ¼ to ⅞ lower than yesterday, which caused weakness in the May option, but this will not continue, as May will be compelled to go higher in sympathy with December, regardless of Liverpool or continental cables.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close
Wheat				
Dec.	104	105	103	104½
Jan.	95	95	93½	93½
May	91⅝	91⅝	91	91¼
Oats.				
Dec.	22	22	22	22
May	22⅝	22⅝	22⅜	22 ⅝
Corn.				
Dec.	25¼	25⅜	25¼	25⅝
May	28½	28⅝	28⅜	28⅝
Pork				
May	8 50	8 57	8 50	8 57
Jan.	8 27	8 35	8 27	8 35
Lard				
May	4 50	4 52	4 50	4 47
Jan.	4 32	4 35	4 32	4 35

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—[By Associated Press]—Hogs weaker, $3.15@$3.40; cattle quiet and steady.

DALTON, Dec. 11.—Wheat, 90 cents.

NAVARRE, Dec. 11.—Wheat, 88 cents.

The following prices are being paid in the Massillon markets:

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat per bushel	92
Rye, per bushel	35-3
Oats	18 2
Corn	3
Barley	4
Wool	15-1
Flax Seed	1 0
Clover Seed	$2 50-2.6
Timothy Seed	$1.00-1 1
Bran, per 100 lbs	7
Middlings, per 100 lbs	8
Hay	$6 00-7 0

PRODUCE.

Choice Butter, per lb	18-2
Eggs, per dozen	1
Lard, per lb	1
Hams, per lb	[illegible]
Shoulders per lb	[illegible]
Sides	6
Cheese	8-1
Potatoes	50-6
White Beans, per bushel	1 0
Onions	6
Apples	8
Evaporated Apples, choice	8-1
Chickens, live	20-25 apiece
Dried Peaches, peeled	8-1
Dried Peaches, unpeeled	4-5
Salt, per barrel	90-1 0

HIDES.

	Per pound
Beef, No. 1, green	[illegible]
" No. 2, "	[illegible]
Calfskin, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 2	4
Tallow	2
Deacons	20-25 apiece

"I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold, and drove away the cold. Never took anything that did me so much good." I. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

OBSTINATE SEWER PIPE MEN.

Efforts to Be Made to Force Five Into a Combine.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11.—This year's attempt to join all the sewer pipe manufacturers into one company has failed. A meeting, with 43 concerns represented, was held in Cleveland this week, at which the consummation of the plan was expected. But five of the most important of the interests withdrew, declining to surrender their property to the control of a corporation in which the prominence of power was held by someone else.

These companies were the Summit and Buckeye of Akron, O.; the National of Barberton, O., and two on the Ohio river. The total amount of property that would have been involved in the deal was $[illegible],000,000 or $9,000,000, and of this the unwilling concerns represented about $1,[illegible]00,000. The others promise to bring these five into line for next year, and about a fortnight hence will again assemble in Cleveland to join efforts for a campaign in opposition to the five.

Luetgert Jury Probably Complete.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The last man of the Luetgert jury has been secured, and although he may be dismissed by a peremptory challenge, the chances are that the jury is complete.

Wheat Still Above a Dollar.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The December option kept the center of the stage in the Chicago wheat market, although it closed at $1.03, 4 cents lower than the day before.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

This Old Question has to be Answered Candidly by Massillon People.

What do the people of Massillon think of the statement published below? Can any citizen ask for more convincing proof of the merits claimed by the article under discussion? What is there lacking in such evidence? The most superficial investigation will corroborate it. It is Massillon proof for Massillon people. It is not the style of proof other medicinal preparations offer—viz., Kalamazoo, Mich. proof for Massillon people. The most exacting cannot wish for anything more. Read this. Mr. Wm. Probel, of 58 Duncan St., agent for Adams Express Co. for over twenty years, says: "I was in my office many a day when I should have been at home in bed. I had la grippe and stuck it out in the office; after that I was troubled for one and a half or two years with my kidneys so that at times I have lain down on my bunk, not being able to keep on my feet. Things looked somewhat serious, for I suffered with a dull pain across the small of my back when I sat for any length of time, or when getting up or down or bending over. I am not a great hand to take medicine but I have tried a number of them. Nothing ever did me much good until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. I was suffering severely one day and stepped into Baltzly's drug store and got them. They gave relief in a short time and I was quite free from that miserable feeling. My back is stronger than it was. I was so satisfied with the result that I advised every one to give them a trial, honestly feeling that they would do them good."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name DOAN'S, and take no substitute.

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Without the hardship that the actual miner will have.

The Rush Next Spring Will Be Tremendous.

Our Company is interested in transportation in furnishing food and merchandise supplies and in actual Mining.

In all of these ventures money will be made by investing in the stock of the

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You are sure of a legitimate profit from its transportation department.

You are sure of a legitimate profit from our merchandising stores and warehouses.

And you have a chance that always awaits a powerful and healthy Company in mining with improved methods that are beyond the individuals.

Hence we say confidently

You cannot afford to let this opportunity go by.

Do not invest more than you can afford, but invest what you can and you will feel that you have acted prudently and wisely by availing yourself of the chance that has come unexpectedly and after a long period of depression.

Either enrich yourself and family, or, if your means are restricted, at least realize enough (if investment is sufficient) to buy a home. In the good old golden days of '49 you would have been compelled to drop your present occupation and incur the risk of life and health to get a chance of wealth which is now offered you from the investment of a small part of your savings in the gilt edged stock in this Company.

The incorporators, principal stockholders and directors have been selected from all walks of life and their reputation for integrity and solidity is world wide. A few of the names we give below is sufficient guarantee of the standing of the Company, to-wit:

Albert C. Blatz, Pres. Val. Blatz Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.; Hon. Wm. E. Mason, U. S. Senator from Ill.; D. G. Edwards, Pass. Traffic Mgr., C., H. & D. R. R., Cincinnati; Frank A. Hecht, of Chas. Kaestner & Co., Chicago; Chas. H. Rockwell, T. Mgr., C. I. & L. R. R., Chicago; W. C. Rinearson, G. P. A., C. N. O. & T. P. R. R., Cincinnati; B. W. Griffith, Pres. First National Bank, Vicksburg, Miss.; Fred A. Otte, past 18 years with Shelby Bank, Shelbyville, Ind.; J. M. Phillips, Cashier First Nat'l Bank, Vicksburg, Miss.,

And hundreds of others equally strong.

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Par value, non-assessable, and will be offered for a limited time only.

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W. S. ANDERSON,

Of Peck P. O., Pike County, O., Recommends Wright's Celery Capsules.

PECK'S P. O., Pike Co., O., July 4, '96.
To the Wright Medical Company, Columbus, O.

GENTS—I have purchased a box of Wright's Celery Capsules from James T. Blasser, druggist, Waverly, O., and used them for stomach trouble and constipation. I was unable to do any work for nearly two years. I used three boxes of your Celery Capsules, and they have cured me. For the benefit of others so afflicted, I wish to send this letter.

Very truly yours,
W. S. ANDERSON.

Sold by all druggists at 50c and $1.00 per box. Send address on postal to the Wright Med. Co., Columbus, Ohio, for trial size, free.

A Big Pension Check.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 11.—[By Associated Press]—The pension check for the inmates of the Dayton Soldiers' Home was sent today. It amounted to $109 404, and will be distributed among 3,586 pensioners.

The Wise Woman

Profits not only by her own experience, but by the experience of others. When your friends compliment you on your good bread, advise them to use Royal Patent flour. Made by M. Neal.

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Rings of Romance

A Story of Solid Moral.

A cold December glitter in her eye. The sparkle of love had crystalized into a gaze which means business. "John" she said, "the best of everything has been mine at your expense, your caramels have cost sixty-five cents a pound, there was St. Joseph river oysters in every milk stew which passed my lips. This Christmas ring looks well, but I want you to distinctly understand that before we are married I am going to have just what I want, and when you give me a ring I want a ring that will last through matrimony, not through courtship only. To be blunt with you, you can take that back and get me an M. B. Co. guaranteed ring which I know will wear. Special. We will sell these rings from Dec. 18 until Christmas at 50c, giving a guarantee on each ring.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear!

It is better for us to cut the price now than to carry the stock over. We will slash the prices deep to dispose of all our ladies' and children's underwear in this sale.

Any piece of 10c Underwear, 7c
Any piece of 15c Underwear, 11c
Any piece of 20c Underwear, 14c
Any piece of 25c Underwear, 19c

You may have any and every piece of ladies' and children's underwear in the store at wholesale cost. All styles of vests and pants are included in this sale.

Copper, Nickel Plated Kettle

No. 7, Copper, Nickel Plated Tea Kettle, 50c
No. 8, Copper, Nickel Plated Tea Kettle, 65c
No. 9, Copper, Nickel Plated Tea Kettle, 75c

COFFEE POTS.

Five Pint - - 50c
Six pint, - - 60c

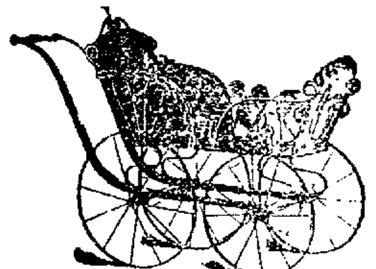
Copper, Nickel Plated.

Doll Buggies

We always set the pace in this particular line.

A good willow doll cab, 17 in. body, strong and serviceable.

Our price during this sale 19c.



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GREETING, '97.

The Merry Christmas Time!

A time when hearts expand and purse strings loosen; when our greatest happiness is in making others happy.

At no other time in the year is our store so attractive as now. Time, money and brains have been taxed in collecting this beautiful array of Christmas merchandise.

Full preparations have been made to meet your gift-giving needs. Many purchases have already been made in this line by those who prefer to take their leisure in making selections and at the same time get the cream of the stock.

People who are late run great risks, but sometimes are most unjustly favored by fortune; as, for instance--the boy who was late at school missed the whipping which all the punctual boys got, but saw the circus as well.

Today the store is as full of bargains as a pudding is of plums. Not one-twentieth part of them can be advertised; indeed, there are new ones added almost every hour.

We are closing up the most successful year of our history; but this success is not the result of accident, but careful, painstaking merchandising, and selling only reliable goods at the lowest possible prices.

We will make our best endeavors to merit your future patronage.

Thanking you for your past favors, and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am,

Yours for Business,

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A Dinner Set FOR A Christmas Present

Could anything be more appropriate for your wife, or mother, than a good Dinner Set? We have them at all prices, from a nicely decorated set at $5.50, to the higher priced china sets at $38.00; but every set is a bargain at the price we ask. Our $5.50 sets are made of the best porcelain, with a guarantee FROM THE MANUFACTURER as to their quality and durability. Does any other dealer offer you as square a deal on low priced sets? We have a few genuine Carlsbad China Dinner Sets, containing 102 pieces of the finest Carlsbad China, worth $20.00 to $25.00 in any china store:

Each Set Contains

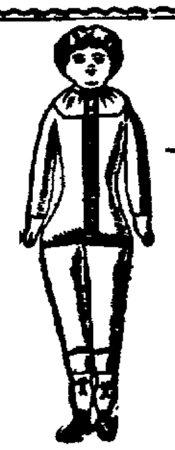
- One dozen Dinner Plates.
- One dozen Breakfast Plates.
- One dozen Pie Plates.
- One dozen Cups.
- One dozen Saucers.
- One dozen Fruit Saucers.
- One dozen Individual Butters.
- One Covered Butter.
- One Covered Sugar.
- One Creamer.
- One Gravy Boat.
- One Large Platter.
- One Small Platter.
- One Bowl.
- One Baker.
- One Pickle.
- Two Covered Dishes.

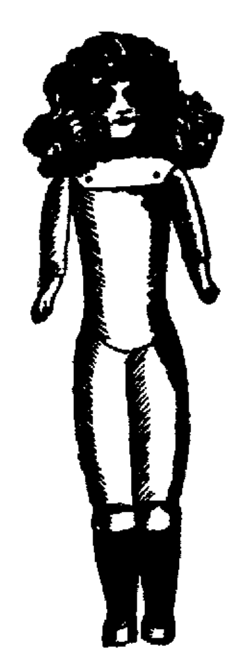
$13.50

We give a choice of three decorations, and, as a Special Christmas Bargain, offer the entire lot at $13.50 per set. This is as cheap as some of our porcelain patterns, and many times finer. It is a chance which rarely occurs to secure a fine china dinner set of guaranteed quality at the astonishing price of **$13.50 !**

Quality we maintain first, last and all the time; low prices amount to naught unless this principle is carried out.

DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS !





They have colonized the Doll Department as never before. Dolls of all nations, little dolls and big dolls, dressed dolls, white dolls and black dolls, girl dolls and boy dolls. Why not bring the children to see them? We are particularly careful in this line to select serviceable dolls We buy direct from the doll factories and offer over 100 styles of dolls, at prices you cannot duplicate at double the money.

Large China Limb Dolls 5c
Full Jointed Doll, with Bisque Head, only 10c
Kid Body Doll, with Bisque Head, Natural Hair, Glass Eyes, Large Size, only 25c
There are others, up to $3.75

BISQUE DOLLS.

Genuine Bisque Dolls, with natural hair and glass eyes; some with jointed bodies, others with kid bodies. You can't match them under 39c and 50c; our price during this sale **25c**

Our 5c and 10c China Limb Dolls

Are the best for the money. Examine them.

Rubber Dolls.--We handle only the best, made to stand the knocks. Saturday and Monday we offer 100 of the 25c size at 19c

Every Little Girl Must Wash and Comb and Dress Her Doll !

Sometimes the results are not satisfactory. This is especially so when the quality of the doll is not what it ought to be, and the child's zeal removes every vestige of complexion. You need not be dismayed if you find your little girl washing one of our Bisque Dolls. They are for the little ones to play with, as well as to look at.

PRICES, 5c to $3.75 !

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SHE WAS A TOMBS ANGEL

Married a Repentant Prisoner to Reform Him.

PLAN WORKED THE OTHER WAY.

Missionary Wedded to a Man Slayer Turns Saloon Keeper—Married In a Tombs Cell—Now the Wife Seeks Separation From the Man Whose Life She Saved.

From "Tombs angel" to saloon keeper! That is the transition that has taken place in the person of Mrs. Jessie Ferguson Hopper Considine. "You see what trying to reform a man has brought me to," she said to a New York World reporter. "Once I was respected and loved by my father and my friends and going about among the prisoners at the Tombs spending my money on them and praying with them and trying to make them better men and women.

"Then I saw Considine, fell in love with him and married him in prison, with only the warden for a witness. I thought that was the real way to do missionary work, to make a good man out of him by marrying him.

"He was accused of murder, you know—yes, murder! He shot a man—he didn't deny it—and I married him. I wasn't afraid to marry a murderer. I never was afraid of anything, and then, besides, when you love a man how can you believe he'd ever hurt you?

"But he s been beating me, and I'm all scarred and battered up." She showed a long mark on her face, a black and blue mark on one of her hands and two scratches on her wrist left there by the assaults of her husband, Michael S. Considine

Considine was two years ago arrested for the murder of John J. Malone, who had been his partner in bringing out a patented nailless horseshoe they wished to put on the market Considine was in the Tombs awaiting trial when along came pretty Jessie Hopper, a young widow of 24, wearing stylish clothes, costly jewels and having a yearly income derived from a little property worth $15,000

Jessie Hopper saw Considine, talked and prayed with him and pointed out to him the way of life She knew he was in danger of being sent to the electric chair, and she explained to him that though he died yet might he live hereafter if he repented of his sins

Considine at first listened in a penitent mood to her exhortations until one day he told her, through the bars of his cell, that he had shot Malone in self defense. He had been a bad fellow, to be sure—a keeper of dives, an associate of the lowest Tenderloin rounders—but he longed to live a better life, if only his life could be saved.

Jessie Hopper began to neglect other Tombs prisoner for Considine She spent all her time at his cell

She fell in love with the prisoner, and he was quick to perceive it, just as he was quick to perceive the diamonds and emeralds on her fingers. Then somebody told Jessie that if she married Considine in jail she could help him to obtain a pardon if he were convicted.

MRS. JESSIE CONSIDINE.

The end of it was that she married Considine in the Tombs. Afterward Considine was acquitted on the plea of having killed Malone in self defense.

Captain Ferguson, a stanch old Virginian sea captain, disowned her. However, being her guardian, he wanted to transfer all her property to her and then to wash his hands of her forever. The property was turned over to Mrs. Considine, and she was left with her husband and the task of "reforming" him.

That was 15 months ago. Now she is the proprietress of a saloon on upper Broadway.

"I did it all for him," she said. "After we got married he said he didn't know any trade but bartending, though he never drank a drop of liquor himself. He said he didn't want to keep any low dive, but a real respectable place, and finally I let him have the money to set up in business.

"Two days after we were married he slapped me in the face, and I forgave him. He kept on slapping me, and I kept on forgiving him. Before we were married he knew a young Brooklyn woman. After we were married he began to neglect me for her. He threw it in my face that he loved her and didn't love me; that she was a lady and I wasn't.

"All the money he took in from the saloon he spent on her, and there were days when I went without even bread to eat, though I lived in a beautiful flat. Then he got my jewels out of the safe when I was in the country and pawned them for $900.

"Last week I just made up my mind I couldn't bear it any longer. He got angry and threw a beer glass at me and struck me in the face, so I swore out a warrant against him, and I'm trying to get a separation."

Mexican Vengeance.

In Mexico the law's delays are less vexatious than in the United States. Indeed one hears nothing at all about delay in the administration of Mexican justice. A short time ago a paymaster went down into Sonora with between $6,000 and $7,000. He stopped overnight at a ranch, where he was robbed and murdered. The robbers were caught by the local police, but the magistrate discharged them Then the government took a hand in the affair. The robbers were caught again and shot immediately. The magistrate who had acquitted them was also shot. The watchman at whose house the robbery occurred was shot. Some distant accessories after the fact were shot. In all 16 men were shot.

VEXATIOUS.

What wondrous days indeed are these
When science shows a light
On any pathway that you please,
That you may turn aright!
Yet life is filled with terrors now.
The hours grow dull and long.
For everything you care to do,
The doctor says, is wrong.

Who tries to warble is forbid
Lest germs attack his throat.
The dancer's prowess must be hid,
Though he may screech a note.
Who dines in carelessness complete
Is tempted by the throng,
But he who likes to may not eat.
The doctor says it's wrong.

You shun the water, sparkling fair
Lest foes lurk there disguised.
You mustn't breathe unless the air
Has been well analyzed.
Thoughtless you turn, as is your wont,
With an affection strong,
To kiss your baby. But you don't.
The doctor says it's wrong.
—Washington Star.

REVIVED MEMORY.

When We Grow Old, We Recall the Things of Long Ago.

About 75 years ago, upon a rainy day, a small boy who had reached the mature age of 6 was sitting with his mamma and bemoaning the state of the weather and accompanying absence of novel entertainment. Mamma wore on her finger a beautiful ring that was a family heirloom, and as she sewed patiently the jewel glittered on her little white hand. The small boy regarded the bright bauble for some time in silence and then sweetly requested mamma to take it off and let him play with it. It was a weak thing to do, perhaps, but she complied. I dare say there are mothers at the present day who can sympathize with her, for human nature is the same, though fashions change, and when the "dear child" looked up in her face pleadingly he looked with papa's eyes, and papa was dead So he got the ring and lost it, as might have been expected He always insisted that he had "put it away to keep," but he could never remember where.

The years went on. The gentle young mother went out into the great unknown to find the light of her life that shone in "papa's eyes," and the century and the boy having been young together grew old in company too Finally age began to tell on them. The century got troubled with a complaint designated "fin de siecle," and the boy lost his memory for the things of today, but became abnormally reminiscent in regard to the past His thoughts often turned back to the young mother long dead, and in the decline of life he had as clear a mental picture of her as his boyish eyes had ever seen One evening, having pushed his spectacles on top of his head and hunted everywhere for them vainly, he sat musing before the fire, when suddenly a flood of light illuminated that dark corner of his memory where hung the picture of that small edition of himself losing or "putting away" the ring. He sprang to his feet with an excited cry: "The ring! The ring! I slipped it down the crack in the window casing—the one that looks out on the orchard!"

Upon investigation the ring was brought from its long hiding place, which was the exact spot the old man had described.—Buffalo Express.

Forgot to Wear Trousers.

A certain noble lord, who shall be nameless, during his journey north on a political mission changed his costume for a full highland "rig out," intending it as a delicate compliment to the land of the kilt, but when he looked at himself in the glass he found that the tailor had cut his kilt too short, so he made up his mind to put on evening dress.

He changed his upper garments and then sat down for a few moments to study his speech This set him to sleep. He awoke with a start, only to find himself running into the station. Forgetting what happened, he thrust on his hat and apppeared at the window bowing, and this was how he was dressed:

He had a full highland costume as far as his waist Above were a white shirt and swallow tailed coat, and the entire edifice was crowned with a chimney pot hat, upon which he sat down without noticing it. His lordship's horror when he stepped upon the platform and felt the keen wind cutting his bare legs changed to absolute agony when his valet appeared, scrambling out of the carriage with a pair of trousers in his hands, waving them wildly and exclaiming, "My lord, my lord, you've forgotten these."—London Telegraph.

Thiers and the Peaches.

Baron Pierre de Coubertin, in an article on "Royalists and Republicans," in The Century, relates the following anecdote: M. Thiers had never lived at the Elysee, the seat of government during his presidency having been at Versailles, but his receptions had remained legendary. He retained in official life all his bourgeois habits. Jules Simon, with that delicate raillery, gentle and inimitable, which gave character to his most insignificant anecdotes, was telling me one day how M. Thiers, at a large breakfast, had drawn toward him a fruit dish which ornamented the middle of the table, and in which were some choice peaches, and had prepared to sever one of these, saying to his neighbor, "Shall I give you half of my peach?" Mme. Thiers had been looking at the peach with an indignant air. "I thought," said Jules Simon, "that she was angry with her husband for not having known enough to wait for the servants to pass the fruit, but that was not the trouble. Not able to contain herself longer, she exclaimed, "But mon ami, those peaches are for dinner!" And docilely the president restored the peach to the fruit dish.

A Study of Berlin.

Berlin is almost as discouraging in its other landmarks of its notable Germans as in its public statues. It is almost as bad as New York, where few houses now stand that were in existence when Franklin and Washington were alive. London is rich in buildings associated with great men, and an American can hardly walk from Westminster to St. Paul's without recalling a dozen names of men whose lives are dear to him. Berlin has, however, been almost built anew since 1870. I can remember whole streets that were different when I was a boy. There are, to be sure, a few instances of memorial plates being affixed to houses where notable Germans have lived, but even in these cases the houses themselves are an uninteresting portion of an uninteresting street. The Prussian kings adored uniformity in street architecture, as well as in the dressing of soldiers, and that may be the reason why today the most beautiful streets of Berlin furnish less interest to a stranger than the grimiest alleys of London, with their charming diversity of dirty fronts.

The houses here are all equally high, equally broad, equally gaudy on the outside and equally devoid of individuality within. The Anglo-Saxon owns his house and makes it comfortable for himself and his family. The Prussian lives in an apartment house, along with perhaps a dozen more families, all of them subject to the petty tyranny of a porter whose duties are dangerously near to those of a police agent. Thus the individual taste of a Berlin artist, writer, actor or other notable resident finds no expression through his architectural surroundings. A Helmholtz, a Mommsen, a Menzel or a Virchow is in Berlin as little identified with his house as a soldier with his barracks This form of living has its conveniences, particularly to a bachelor, but is not conducive to interest in those who seek the literary landmarks of great capitals. —Poultney Bigelow in Harper's Weekly.

Domestic Service on the Kongo.

"Cruelty In the Kongo Free State" is the title of a paper made up from the journals of the late E. J. Glave in The Century Mr. Glave says: Toyo, the boy I engaged of Sims, is more different kinds of an ass than any one I have met for several moons. The other day, after cooking something in the frying pan, he placed the sooty side on the drum of my banjo. I do not understand his language very well, but from gesture and disgusted look it ought to have been clear to him that I objected to that sort of untidiness. When I threw off the frying pan, he took it up carefully, wiped the sooty part with a cloth I had given him to clean plates with, and then put it back on the banjo. He has made tea in my coffeepot without removing the coffee grounds He walks into my room without taking off his hat or removing his pipe. He is ugly, slow and has no more intelligence than a rock I found him wearing a hat which I had given him to carry, and wiping his sweaty face on my towel. What service he could have rendered Sims' mission I do not know.

Sweet Auburn.

Martha—Speaking of Miss Mintdrop, hasn't she got a red head?

Martin—She did have before she came into her uncle's property.—Boston Transcript.

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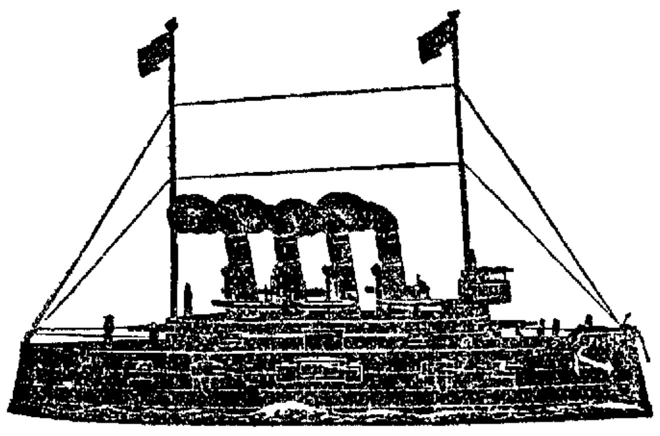

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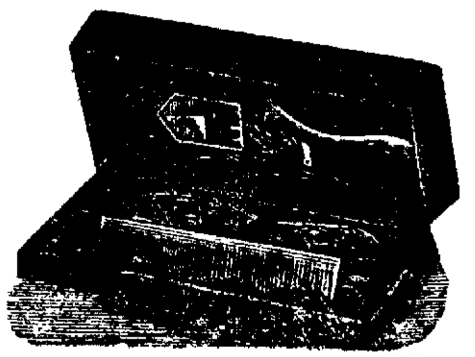

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Mrs. Carrie Coxcy is the guest of friends in Marion.

A. L. Williams has resigned as checkweighman at the Millport mine, and will become a pick miner.

Mrs. Julia Bedell, widow of the late Bishop Bedell, of Ohio, died on Thursday, in New York, aged 78.

Jacob Wise has received a note from the Rev. O. W. Schettler, who is now in sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cornelius entertained a party of friends at their East Oak street residence, Friday evening.

A bazaar for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic church will be held next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the chapel.

Mrs. W. C. Cook, of Columbus, and **Mrs. Fletcher** and Mrs. Sellers, of Dalton, are guests at the Moffitt residence, west of town.

Frederick Shauf owes a sprained arm to an experience with the treacherous banana peel. The latter had been carelessly thrown on the sidewalk.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Seward Royer and Emma Fox, of New Baltimore, and H. Ernest Shoemaker and M. Ella Longanecker, of Hartville.

A telegram received this morning announces the death of James H. Drake, of Strawberry Valley, Cal. Mr. Drake was seventy years of age, and was known to many Massillonians.

Mrs. C. A Wyandt arrived here, Thursday, after an extended visit with relatives in Abilene Kansas, South Bend, Ind. and Toledo, O., and is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Menuez, in East Main street.

A Ravenna telegram says that the county commissioners at a meeting decided not to pay for any more Cleveland & Pittsburg railroad hoboes who are sent to the Cleveland workhouse for trespassing on the railroad property.

Harry F. Pocock will leave on Monday for the South, where he will remain several weeks Mr. Pocock will first go to Florida, by water, from New York, and before returning will visit Mexico, the Bermuda islands, and possibly Cuba Mrs. Pocock will not accompany him

Dr E P. Morrow and Mr J. F. T. Walker, of Canton, took advantage of the pleasant weather, Friday afternoon, and walked to Massillon, taking supper at the Hotel Sailer and returning by rail. Last Sunday, Dr. Morrow, Mr. Walker and Mr. Smith, of Canton, walked both to and from Massillon.

The results that accrue to want column advertisers are surprising even to THE INDEPENDENT itself. The best proof of the usefulness of the want column is the frequent use made of it by the same individuals Country exchanges are now made possible, as the want column is now being published in the semi-weekly edition

Dueling on the Canton amateur stage is not without danger, according to the News Democrat. In the fencing scene in the latter part of the last act of "Princess Bonnie" Mr. Robert K. Fast was struck by a sabre on the forehead, not a half inch from his left eye. A severe cut was sustained, from which blood flowed freely.

The Rev. Wm. H. Shults returned from Delaware county, Ohio, Thursday. He was called there a week ago to see his dying mother. He reached her bedside just two hours before her death. She was 80 years and 5 days old. All her family living, attended her funeral except George W. Shults, who lives in the state of Georgia. Three sons are ministers of the gospel.

John Augustine, of Campcreek, was in Massillon, on Thursday, and he said that he had about completed arrangements for leaving for the Klondike region in the spring. Mr. Augustine appeared to be in earnest, and the advice of his Massillon friends was that he study Alaska, its climate, soil and cost of living, and familiarize himself with the various routes leading there, before leaving Stark county.

The official board of the First M. E. church have been most kind to the Mothers' Club. With characteristic and appreciated generosity, they have placed two rooms in the church at the disposal of the club, for a nominal sum, and here the club meets every Thursday at 2 p. m. One room is given up to the children and one to the mothers The ladies desire in this manner to offer thanks for the courtesy of the board

Several of the new steel cars now being manufactured by the Carnegie Company for the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie railway, passed through Massillon Friday over the Ft. Wayne road, and were objects of great interest, especially to railroad men The only part of these cars that is wood is the footboard for the brakemen. The capacity of each car is fifty tons, about twenty tons greater than the largest heretofore in use. They are equipped with air brakes and couplings of the latest design The principal use for which these cars are intended is the carrying of iron ore

George Bernhard, known throughout Tuscarawas county as "Old Root Digger," and one of the most eccentric and interesting characters in this section, was found dead yesterday in his lonely hut between Canal Dover and Newcomerstown, lying partly in the open fire, which had charred his face and the upper part of his body almost to a crisp. The shocking manner in which this strange man met his death, linked with the lonely years he has passed in his simple home, where he delved in the earth for roots and in his rude laboratory studied their medicin properties makes a grewsome tale.

The canal commissioners who are reported to favor complete abandonment of the Ohio canal southwards are in session at Columbus. Among those who will champion the cause of retaining these artificial waterways are R. H. Wallace, of Chillicothe; C. A. Goddard, of Scioto county, member of the board of public works; D. J. Ryan, ex-secretary of state, and Chief Engineer Perkins of the board. Col. C. E Grace, of Chillicothe, president of the board of public works, made the only protest against the proposed abandonment, but as another meeting has been arranged for Monday next, there will undoubtedly be other opposition introduced. Mr. Wallace, in discussing the situation, said that several coal-shipping companies of the Kanawha (W. Va.) section would make use of the canals for coal shipment if they were widened and deepened.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Sessions to be Held this Month at Canal Fulton.

A farmers' institute will be held in Canal Fulton on December 22 and 23. This is the programme:

Wednesday, morning—Address, J. R Lawrence; "Corn Culture," F. A. Derthick; "Tuberculosis," Dr. D. A. Harbaugh; "Growing Sheep for Profit," J. B. Eberly.

Afternoon—"The Farm Horse His Selection and Management," W. W. Farnsworth; subject no given, Lafayette Swigert; subject not given, Mrs. S. O. Eggert; "The Fruits of the Grange," F. A. Derthick; question drawer.

Evening—"The Farmer's Boy: Is He Receiving Too Many Advantages?" W. W Farnsworth; "The Kitchen is the Best Room in the House," Cora Lawrence; subject not given, Dr. A. B. Campbell; "Would the Single Tax be Just?" F. A. Derthick.

Thursday morning—"Maintaining, Developing and Increasing the Fertility of the Fruit Farm," W. W. Farnsworth, "Grafting and Spraying," John W. Daily; subject not given, Samuel Marsh; "Preparing of Wheat Ground" F. A. Derthick; "Management and Breeding of Swine," D E. Woodling.

Afternoon—"Pruning Trees, Vines, etc.," W. W. Farnsworth, "Who Shall Wear the Crown?" F. M. Frederick; "Mixed or Special Farming—Which?" F. A Derthick, "Growing Hogs for Profit," P. F. Rennels.

Will Continue the Fight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—[By Associated Press]—Senator Deboe, C. E. Barnett, and K J. Hampton at a conference today, decided to continue permanently the Kentucky Republican headquarters at Louisville.

Senator Hanna Better.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—[By Associated Press]—Senator Mark Hanna, who is suffering from influenza, is reported much better this morning.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A Considerable Amount of Routine Business Transacted.

The first business that claimed the attention of the board of education Friday evening, after the absence of Mr. Kettl had been noted and the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, was the proposition of the Ohio Map and Atlas Company. Mr. J. H. Kauffman, representing the company, spoke briefly on the completeness and accuracy of his Stark county atlas and map of Massillon, copies of which he left with the board for examination, saying that by the aid of these local geography could be studied to much greater advantage. The price of the atlas, he said, was $10 and the map $2.50. On motion of Miss Folger, the matter was referred to the committee on text-books.

In compliance with the request of State Commissioner of Education O. T. Corson and others equally prominent in educational circles, it was agreed that President Corns should attend as a delegate ex officio, and should appoint two other delegates to the state conference of presidents and members of boards of education, to be held in the Great Southern Hotel, Columbus, on January 11, 12, 13, 1898. Miss Folger and Mr. Humberger were named as delegates.

Clerk Humberger reported that $3,000 had been borrowed on November 22, for sixty days, as the board had directed, but that no school order had yet been issued. On Miss Folger's motion, it was decided to have the note drawn.

The coal bill of Leonard Hess for $317.28, it was decided should be investigated before being paid, there being several tons of coal among the items which were supposed to have been delivered at the West Tremont and West Main street buildings, but of which the board could find no trace. Other disbursements were as follows:

Teachers' salaries to Jan. 1	$2279 90
Janitors' salaries to Jan. 1	212 83
W. F. Brown, truant officer	20.00
S. A. Conrad	.36
Brown Lumber Co.	9 39
L. A. Koons	11.92
C. L. Halter	4 10
J. M. Swan	5.10
W H. McLain	5 15
Thomas Laviers	20.14

CANAL DOVER.

A New Independent Railroad.—Death at Baltic.

CANAL DOVER, Dec. 11.—The Crown Fire Clay Co. of Canal Dover, O., are building an independent road of their own to run parallel with the C L. & W. R. R. from their works to Canal Dover, to meet the Pennsylvania lines. The work is to commence Thursday. A. Swancen, of Coshocton, has the contract to do the grading.....Boone, the great hypnotist and mind reader, is in Canal Dover this week. His work seems to have startled the people of the world. Mr. Willard Gove, of Massillon, was in our city this week on business...... Mr. Andy Huffman, one of Baltic's prominent citizens, died Monday and will be buried Wednesday at two o'clock in the Union Cemetery.

INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMNS

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired, help wanted, situations wanted, real estate bulletins and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m to insure insertion the same day. Six publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents

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